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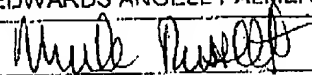
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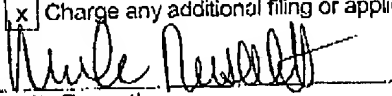
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Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period (June 24, 2006 being a Saturday).

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